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**TO:** Chief Ronal W. Serpas  
**FROM:** Marty Brown, Director  
**SUBJECT:** Washington State Patrol Reported Incident (03-05) Does Not Merit Review

Pursuant to RCW 43.41.370 and the Guidelines For Reporting Incidents to the Office of Financial Management (OFM), the Washington State Patrol (WSP) submitted an Incident Report to OFM. The Report notifies OFM that on September 25, 2002, a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) was involved in an automobile accident. The WSP was conducting an internal investigation into the accident.

The WSP investigation found that the CVEO struck a pick up truck while making a left hand turn into a parking lot. The CVEO failed to yield the right of way. The investigation also found that the accident resulted in a minor injury only.

The WSP did a comprehensive internal investigation. The agency did not find that any policies or procedures needed to be changed nor training modified. The WSP is following its procedures and collective bargaining agreement provisions in dealing with this incident.

RCW 43.41.370(1) requires the Director of OFM to appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of a state agency unless the Director, in his or her discretion, determines that the incident "does not merit review". Applying the criteria for loss prevention reviews, issued November 18, 2002, I have determined that the incident you reported does not merit review. There has been no death or serious injury to a person, nor any indication that other substantial loss has occurred and did not involve vulnerable victims. There does not appear to be a history of this type of accident with this CVEO. Based on the internal investigation by the WSP and subsequent actions taken, the risk of future loss is minimal. In addition, the OFM Risk Management Loss Prevention Program is currently focusing on ways to reduce automobile incidents. This project will produce recommendations that will be shared with state agencies. Therefore, no further review is warranted at this time.

This decision will be posted on the OFM website. If you have any questions about the criteria or its application to this incident, please contact either Roselyn Marcus at (360) 902-7396 or Gary Robinson at (360) 902-0528.

cc: Joseph Olson, Legal Officer  
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